

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

January 20, 2004 7:00 P.M. - Minutes

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Present: Chief Carl Moniz, Chairman; Councilor Naomi Carney; Councilor Leo Pimental; David Kennedy; Duarte Andrade; David Peixoto; Roger Ouellette; Scott Downing, Exec. Secretary

Absent: David DeTerra; Joseph Eugenio

Secretary: India Mendez

Chairman Moniz called to order the meeting of January 20, 2005 at 6: 10 p.m. and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

Scott Downing announces the Traffic Commissioners in attendance.

Acceptance of Minutes: Motion was made by Commissioner Pimental motions to accept the minutes of the meeting November 3, 2004 as written. Commissioner Kennedy seconds the motion. **Motion carried 6 - 0.**

Commissioner Pimental motions to open public hearing #1. Commissioner Ouellette seconds the motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

PUBLIC HEARING

P H– 1 Councilor Jane Gonsalves, on behalf of Bruce Feno, 117 E. Clinton St and 18 other residents, that the Traffic Commission designate E. Clinton St between Cottage and Ash St as a one-way west.

Councilor Jane Gonsalves opens by stating that the reason for this request is that the neighborhood is having a problem with cars traveling from Ash St east onto E. Clinton St to take a short cut by avoiding the traffic light at Cottage and Hawthorn Sts. There has been an increase in traffic. Making it a one-way west this would discourage traffic from cutting through the neighborhood. She states she has been contacted by others in the neighborhood who where opposed to this change.

Chairman Moniz announces there will be five minutes for the petitioner and three minutes for each person after, due to the large number of people in attendance.

Commissioner Pimental asks what direction East Clinton St runs. Councilor Gonsalves explains E. Clinton St, east of Orchard St runs one-way east to County St. The rest of E. Clinton St is a two-way, which runs from Park St to County St.

Hazel Inglis, 99 E. Clinton St explains that she cannot back out of her driveway because cars go flying around the corner. There are cars parked on both sides of the street and most have to park on the sidewalk. Bruce Feno, 117 E. Clinton St spoke in favor of this request. He states one of the problems is people using this area as a shortcut. There are children who live in this area. He submits photos of the area. Commissioner Pimental motions to receive and place on file photos by Mr. Feno. Commissioner Ouellette seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.** Commissioner Pimental motions to receive and place on file letter from Richard McMann. Commissioner Ouellette seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

Robert Duff, 110 Clinton St feels this is a narrow street for two-way traffic to exist. Janusz Klakus, 143 Clinton St also spoke in favor of this petition. Both of his vehicles have been damaged on this street. Nancy Lant, 114 E. Clinton St spoke of cars racing down the street. Paul Arruda, 133 E. Clinton St, mentions he installed a driveway due to the damage to his vehicles from others going by. When he tried to park on the sidewalk, the police department ticketed him.

OPPOSITION

Anthony Ferreira, 202 Clinton St, feels the traffic pattern is an issue. He does not feel there should be a one-block change and further study should be done. Speeding is an issue on some of the surrounding streets also. It is not an issue isolated to E. Clinton St. If the street is made a one-way, it should go east. Terry Mozaz, 198 E. Clinton St, stated she surveyed residents who stated they were all opposed to the one-way. Mike Mozaz, 198 E. Clinton St also spoke in opposition. He feels the problem will carry onto Maple St. Making this change would not allow them to travel straight up the street. Resident of 169 E. Clinton St is also opposed to this request. She feels the way to travel downtown would also be hindered.

Commissioner Pimental motions to close the hearing. Commissioner Peixoto seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Carney feels this issue should be tabled and studied further, in order to find the direction the street should be changed. Commissioner Peixoto states that changes would affect Maple St eventually. Commissioner Kennedy feels this is an engineering problem. He also feels this issue should be studied further. The surrounding streets should also be studied. Commissioner Carney motions to table. Commissioner Pimental amends motion to study and return within 60 days with the results. Another public hearing should then be schedule for the residents in the area. The parameters of the

study will be from Union St to Hawthorn St and County St to Rockdale Ave. Commissioner Kennedy seconds motion. **Motion to carried 6 – 0.**

Commissioner Pimental motions to open public hearing #2. Commissioner Peixoto seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

P H– 2 Councilor Linda Morad, requesting that the Traffic Commission consider making Belair St, one-way east, from Wildwood Rd to Acushnet Ave, and further, that there be a no left turn sign posted on Belair St, at the intersection of Belair St and Acushnet Ave.

Councilor Morad would like to place on file a letter sent to the residents and property owners near Belair St and Acushnet Ave. Commissioner Pimental motions to receive and place on file letter by Councilor Morad. Commissioner Peixoto seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

Residents living at the top portion of Belair and Acushnet Ave brought this issue to Councilor Morad's attention. This is a narrow street allowing parking and traveling on both sides of the street. The business located on the south side has limited parking making customers' park on Belair St. Traffic coming from Ashley Blvd, Acushnet Ave and off Route 140 going south to Ashley Blvd makes this a dangerous intersection. Residents exiting from Belair St also face problems at this intersection. She states there have been many accidents in the area, although not all may have been angular accidents. Leo Rousseau, 214 Belair St spoke in favor of this request. He explains this is a small street with a lot of traffic. Cars park on the sidewalk. Felix Kocor, 272 Belair St feels the street should go west. Henry Roberts feels there should be parking on one side only. Rachel Savoy, 249 Belair St is also in favor. Councilor Morad states she spoke with Lorraine Wilson of 267 Belair St who was unable to attend was also in favor of this petition.

OPPOSITION

Angelo Araujo, 288 Belair St is opposed to the one-way. Joe Santos, 271 Belair St, explains that he avoids this intersection because it is dangerous. He feels they will be forced to travel in a direction they do not want to. Atty. Thomas Matthew spoke on behalf of the Carvalho Family, owners of the service station to the north and the plaza located to the south of this intersection. He states that making Belair a one-way would contribute to the loose of business for the owners of the property at this location. He suggests installing a stop sign going east on Belair St and to change the green light to a red light for the traffic lights at this intersection. Atty. Matthew submits photos of area. Commissioner Peixoto motions to receive and place on file photos by Atty. Matthew. Commissioner Ouellette seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

Joe Pimental, 339 Belair St suggests installing parking on one side of the street. Scott & Deborah Jakes, 283 Belair St are opposed to the one-way. She suggests installing a no left turn sign at this intersection. Commissioner Peixoto motions to receive and place on

file signatures from residents opposed to one-way. Commissioner Pimental seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

Councilor John Saunders, 344 Cornell St opposed to one-way. He has also received phone calls from residents opposed to the petition. Most mentioned that they are afraid to turn left on the Avenue. Patrons trying to access the garage of the service station located at the corner would have to go around several block to get to this door.

Commissioner Pimental motions to close public hearing #2. Commissioner Carney seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Peixoto feels that this would only channel vehicles to a problem area. Making this a one-way would not help at all. Commissioner Pimental people should use caution when traveling this area. He states there seems to be more residents opposed than in favor. Commissioner Ouellette states he traveled the area and noticed many house with off street parking. He feels changing this street to a one-way would affect the businesses on the corner. Commissioner Peixoto motions to approve. Commissioner Carney seconds motion. **Motion fails 0 – 6.**

Commissioner Peixoto motions to open public hearing #3. Commissioner Andrade seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

PH - 3 John Martins, 34 Alden St, New Bedford, MA 02745, requesting a 29 x 10 ft curb cut on Tinkham St and a 12 x 10 ft curb cut on the Acushnet Ave side of 1657-1667 Acushnet Ave.

Atty. Bruce Bendickson, Rep. for John Martins spoke on behalf of this request. He states there are plans for a bank with a plaza. This property is opposite from Mr. Martins' bakery. BCP Bank and retail shops will occupy some of this space. A 29 ft curb cut is on the Tinkham St side of the property. There will be a drive thru on the west side of lot. There are plans for a parking area in the back of property. The second floor of the property will overhang the drive thru. Traffic would turn left to exit the property. Commissioner Peixoto asks is a right turn only to exit was considered. Commissioner Kennedy states this has been reviewed several times and changes have been made to best suite the area. Councilor John Saunders, 344 Cornell St is in favor of this request. Councilor Lawrence is also recorded in favor. He feels this requests should be granted to Mr. Martins' due to the wonders he has done for Acushnet Ave. John Martins also spoke in favor of this request. Armando Pereira, Engineer, does not feel that exiting property would be of any more of a problem then it is to exit other properties on Acushnet Ave. Commissioner Pimental motions to close public hearing #3. Commissioner Carney seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.** Commissioner Pimental motions to approve. Commissioner Kennedy seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

Commissioner Pimental motions to open public hearing #4. Commissioner Ouellette seconds motion. Motion carried 6 – 0.

P H-4 Councilor Jane Gonsalves and Councilor Denis Lawrence, Jr., on behalf of the residents in the neighborhood of St. Luke's Hospital requesting that the Traffic Commission institute a residents only parking district north, south, east and west of St. Luke's Hospital to be effective Monday through Friday 7am to 4pm and include provisions for visitor parking.

Councilor Jane Gonsalves presents petition to the commission. She explains that several of the residents have put together a parking plan package. This plan would help alleviate the parking problem in the area. Commissioner Pimental motions to receive and place on file a petition with additional names and a summery sheet. Commissioner Peixoto seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

Robert Boucher, feels he doesn't want to be a parking lot for St. Luke's Hospital. Elizabeth Bryant, 75 West St states she has a problem with parking. She had a driveway installed and people are now parking to close making it hard for her to exit. Ellen Kelly, 32 Pricilla St states St. Luke's employees park any and everywhere they can find available parking. Rosalie Baker, 150 Page St started the petition regarding the parking situation in her neighborhood. The neighborhood has been trying to address this issue for many years. She states employees are taking up needed parking for residents. The traffic commission has installed no parking signs and limited time parking on a few surrounding streets. This does not help the residents, their families, and visitors with parking. Mrs. Baker explains that the ordinance states that parking must be common, convenient, and consistent. The hospital employees are taking all of the spaces. Resident parking is not needed to the north of the hospital. This area is not affected. She also mentions the hospital has been working with them to address this problem. The residents have agreed to resident parking Mon – Fri 7am to 4pm. Paul Burgess, 11 Elizabeth St spoke in favor. Bill Shaughnessy of 2 Pricilla St and Bonita Kaid of 63 Ash St also spoke in favor of this request. Pricilla Bird feels people are losing respect for the neighborhood. Dorinda William, 28 Pricilla St has witnessed hospital trucks unable to take corners from the congested parking. If resident parking were to be installed, the neighbors would not park in such a way that it would allow trucks to make the turns. Mr. Demers of Moreland Terrace, states the hospital had a legal requirement to install about twelve hundred parking spaces. Based on the zoning board, one parking space is needed for every three-inpatient bed. This ratio should be higher. The manner of how the process is circumvented is what bothers him. Anthony Santos, 401 Allen St has called St. Luke's to have employees paged for blocked his driveway. Mark Nusmen, 256 Field St does not have a driveway. He states that people wait for him to move from his spot then take it once he leaves. Most times, he has to double parking to unload groceries. He complains about the trash left behind. The hospital does not have a system in place to identify employees in case of a complaint. Lori Nusman, 256 Field St states she often walks her children to school in order to keep her parking space. Cars also park in or block the crosswalks. David Bryant, 75 West St states that cars take up more than one space. As soon as you leave, someone is ready to take your spot. He once received a ticket for

blocking his own driveway to unload his car. Sheila Couto, Jenny Lind St owns 37 West St across from the hospital parking lot. Her tenants can never find available parking. She has called to have cars towed that are blocking her driveway. Councilor Denis Lawrence also spoke in favor of this request. If there were ever a need for resident parking, this would be it. The neighborhood has stayed the same, yet the surrounding area has grown. He was told that staffs from the hospital and surrounding doctors' offices are instructed to park on the surrounding streets in order to leave space in the lot for patients. The hospital is expanding their emergency room. Residents feel the hospital has outgrown the neighborhood. The hospital employs more people than the residents that live in the neighborhood. Families have grown and no longer own one vehicle per household. A resident of 50 Page St is also in favor of this request. Domingo Sylvia, 252 Field St recently moved into the neighborhood and understands everyone's frustration. Tammy Beckman all spoke in favor.

OPPOSITION

Mr. Alpert, 35 Mariam St feels there is no need for change on Mariam St. There is parking on one side only and most of the homes on this street have driveways. He submits a letter asking for no changes to be made on Mariam St for several other reasons. Commissioner Pimental motions to receive and place on file letter from Mr. Alpert. Commissioner Carney seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

A representative from St. Luke's Hospital, Robert Gauthier, spoke in opposition to this request. He states the hospital has hired a consultant to assist with solving the parking problem. Back in late 2003, he met with Councilor Gonsalves showing a plan for three hundred parking spaces and promised to involve the neighbors. The neighbors were opposed to this plan. Since then, the hospital has hired a consulting company to assist with a parking plan. He mentions the City has extensive plans for construction over the next two years. Installing resident parking would be premature. He feels they are committed to help solve the problem and to find parking for all of the employees. They will make any changes submitted by the consulting firm. Commissioner Pimental asks when this study would be complete and ready for presentation. He states the residents have been waiting for a resolve to this problem. Mr. Gauthier states this plan should be available in February or March. Commissioner Pimental stated Mr. Gauthier should have had this information available knowing this meeting was taking place. Mr. Gauthier mentions that he has not seen this report but knows it will be available shortly. He reassures the commission they are sincere in their efforts. Commissioner Peixoto asks if there is a deadline with the consulting company. March will be when the plan is available.

Tabehio DeCouto, a real estate broker mentions that he owns property in the area and by installing resident parking; this would reduce buyers and property values. It would also diminish competition. Jim Mahary, 19 Taber states he tries to have his staff and visitors park in their own lot. He does feel there is a problem, which needs to be addressed. Cars will only continue to circle the neighborhood for parking spaces. He feels this matter should be tabled in order to give the hospital a chance to devise a plan. Kathy Pelland, a

supervisor for physicians' office on Brigham St states she does not encourage her employees' park on the street. Her office has tried to direct patients to other office sites in order to reduce the parking problem. Dr. Seltzer, a physician at Healthcare for Women spoke in opposition to the request, although he is aware to the problem. He mentions employees from the hospital often park in their lot. Councilor Morad is opposed to this request. Although she has visited and often has, a problem with parking at St. Luke's she feels this would create a problem for visitors. A solution should be made not only for residents but also for the visitors going to the hospital. Councilor Gonsalves concludes by stating the plan once presented to her involved moving homes to other locations, which was not supported by the neighborhood. This is why the hospital hired a consultant. In addition, construction done by the City will not start for some time because it has not been funded as of yet. The parking plan underway is relative to parking for hospital employees and visitors. It does not address the concerns of the residents. The hospital has free parking for many years now at the expense of the neighborhood. Even if this were approved, steps need to be taken before the resident parking can be put into affect.

She feels a decision is needed now.

Commissioner Pimental motions to close PH – 4. Commissioner Carney seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

Commissioner Carney motions to approve. Commissioner Ouellette seconds motion. Commissioner Pimental feels that by voting this in tonight would force St. Luke's hospital to come back to the commission with their finding and their plan for action. Commissioner Peixoto feels he would like to see a plan in place. Forcing the issue without a plan in place does not show where all of the vehicles are going to go. Resident parking in the south end worked well because cars were directed to use the parking lots. This is a different situation. He would like to force them to put a plan in place first before making any decisions. Commissioner Carney can sympathize with the neighborhood because she lives near Buttonwood Park. She suggests using a shuttle bus to transport employees from a City lot to the hospital. Commissioner Kennedy hopes St. Luke's can come up with a capital improvement strategy. He hopes this plan will help provide on site parking and off the residential streets. There is a motion on the table to approve and seconded.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Carney – yes

Commissioner Peixoto - no

Commissioner Andrade – no

Commissioner Ouellette - yes

Commissioner Kennedy – no

Commissioner Pimental – no

Motion fails 4 – 2

Commissioner Pimental asks if this petition can be reconsidered. Chairman Moniz suggests finding out if this can legally be reconsiders.

P – 1 Councilor Denis Lawrence, Jr., requesting that the Traffic Commission approve the placement and painting of a crosswalk on Wood St, at the intersection of Vernon and Wood Streets.

Councilor Lawrence spoke in favor of this petition. He states installing a crosswalk would give pedestrian from both sides of the street safer access to the mailbox that is located on Wood St. Commissioner Pimental motions to approve. Commissioner Peixoto seconds motion. **Motion carried**

6 – 0.

Commissioner Pimental motions to reconsider the vote taken for **PH – 4**. Commissioner Andrade seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Carney - yes Commissioner Kennedy - yes

Commissioner Andrade – yes Commissioner Peixoto - yes

Commissioner Kennedy – yes Commissioner Ouellette – yes

Motion for reconsideration carried 6 – 0.

Commissioner Pimental motions to table PH – 4 for 45 days in order for both parties to meet. The hospital can then come back with their plan of action. A meeting should then be set up after the 45 days has expired, to hear both sides of the issue regarding parking around the hospital. Commissioner Andrade seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

P – 2 Councilor John Saunders, requesting on behalf of Dennis Pavao, 888 Purchase St, requesting that a loading zone be established on the Middle St side of said address.

Councilor Saunders states a loading zone is needed for the liquor establishment located on the corner. There is no place for the delivery trucks to unload. Commissioner Pimental motions to approve. Commissioner Carney seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

Commissioner Pimental motions to take **L – 1** out of order. Commissioner Carney seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

L – 1 Richard Saunders, 411 County St, requesting no parking except HP on the East Clinton St side of said address for 22 ft.

Commissioner Pimental motions to approve L – 1. Commissioner Ouellette seconds motion. Motion carried 6 – 0.

P - 3 Councilor Brain Gomes, requesting on behalf of Rui Vicente of Roy's Toys, 475 Belleville Ave that the Traffic Commission rescind the current signs in front of said address that 30 minute parking Fri. 11am to 7pm, Sat. 6am to 7pm and Sun. 6am to Noon be changed to read 30 minute anytime parking. Also that on the Collette St side of said address the current signage that reads 30 minute parking Fri. 11 am to 7pm, Sat. 6am to 7pm, and Sun 6am to Noon be changed to read no parking loading zone and placed 25 ft in a westerly direction on the south side of said property.

Rui Vicente, 475 Belleville Ave spoke in favor of this request. The existing signs reflect the hours of operation for the business that was there prior. He now owns the property and needs the signs to reflect his hours of operation. His business hours are 8am to 8pm. Loading hours are from 8am to 5pm. He states he needs the parking spaces for his customer and space for unloading products to his business. Berta Martins, 98 Collette St, spoke in opposition to this request. There are a large number of 6 – 8 family homes in the area and not enough parking. She complains of Mr. Vicente moving his vehicle to allow parking for his customers. Roberto Costa, states he got rid of his vehicle due to no parking for the many cars in the area. He feels residents should be able to park freely after his hours of operation. John LeAndrade, 98 Collette St is opposed to this request. Commissioner Ouellette asks if the loading zone is necessary. Mr. Vicente explains the existing signs do not stop people from parking for long periods now. Commissioner Pimental motions to amend signs to read 30 minute parking 8am to 7pm daily on Belleville Ave and 30 minute parking 8am to 7pm daily on the Collette St side of property. Commissioner Carney seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.** Motion made by Commissioner Pimental to approve. Commissioner Kennedy seconds motion.

Roll Call Vote

Commissioner Carney - yes

Commissioner Kennedy - yes

Commissioner Pimental - yes

Commissioner Peixoto - no

Commissioner Andrade - yes

Commissioner Ouellette - yes

Motion carried 5 – 1.

P- 4 Councilor Leo Pimental, requesting on behalf of the Amaral Family, 504 Bolton St, that the Traffic Commission install no parking loading zone signs on Bolton St, heading 25 ft south on Bolton St, from the 15 minute parking sign to the side entrance on Bolton St of Sunshine Bakery.

Mr. Amaral spoke in favor of this request. He states cars block his driveway making it hard for his to unload goods to his business. Cars park in front of his business all day. Commissioner Pimental motions to amend signs to read, loading zone on the Rockland St

side of said address and 15 minute parking on the Bolton St side of address. Commissioner Peixoto motions to approve. Commissioner Carney seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

P – 5 Councilor Linda Morad, requesting on behalf of Albert and Rita Vigeant, 2768 Acushnet Ave, that the Traffic Commission consider the installation of stop signs on Chaffee St at Acushnet Ave, stopping east and westbound traffic on Chaffee St.

Councilor Morad spoke on behalf of this request. She states there are no traffic controls at this intersection, making it dangerous for traffic exiting Chaffee St onto Acushnet Ave. Commissioner Pimental motions to approve. Commissioner Ouellette seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

P – 6 Susana Arruda, 32 Liberia Lane, requesting **NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER SIGNS** installed in front of said address.

Susana Arruda appeared and spoke in favor of this request. She states she has been unable to receive her mail because cars park blocking her mailbox. She also mentions that her street is not plowed properly from the cars parking improperly. She submits photos. Commissioner Carney motions to receive and place on file photos from Ms. Arruda. Commissioner Pimental seconds motion. Motion carried 6 – 0. Commissioner Andrade amends motion to install no parking between signs in front of said address. Footage to be determined by traffic secretary. Commissioner Carney seconds motion. **Motion carried**

6 – 0. Commissioner Pimental motions to approve. Commissioner Andrade seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

Commissioner Pimental motions to table P - 7. Commissioner Kennedy seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

P – 8 Derek Santos, New Bedford Whaling Historic National Park, 33 William St, requests modifications to Bethel and William Streets to allow for bus drop off and to change existing signage on both streets.

Derek Santos spoke in favor of this request. He submits letters of support from area businesses. Commissioner Pimental motion to receive and place on file letters. Commissioner Carney seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.** The National Park Service is requesting the bus drop area moved and the time restriction changed on William and Bethel St. Visitors have trouble negotiating the narrow streets in this area. The museum directs visitors not to use William St. DJM Harris, put together a downtown circulation master plan for the national park service. One of the recommendations would be to move the bus drop from Union St to Bethel St. This would allow easier access to the Corson Building and the Whaling Museum. This would only be a bus drop off area and not for the buses to park all day. The park service is open to a time restriction for the bus drop off areas. He suggests turning the old bus drop on

Union St back into a two-hour parking area. It is expected there will be only one bus dropping off at a time, except occasionally during the summer months.

Commissioner Peixoto motions to approve. Commissioner Pimental seconds motion.

Motion

carried 6 – 0.

P – 9 Councilor Jane Gonsalves, on behalf of David Genereux, 63 Jenny Lind St, requesting that the Traffic Commission amend the existing one hour parking signs on the south side of North St between Watson and Jenny Lind St, to read one hour parking Monday thru Friday, between 7am to 5pm.

Commissioner Carney motions to table. Commissioner Kenney seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

P – 10 Councilor Linda Morad, on behalf of Paul & Elaine Boutin, 924 Victoria St, requesting no parking signs installed on the north side of Victoria St for 100 ft from it's intersect with Acushnet Ave.

Commissioner Pimental motions to table. Commissioner Peixoto seconds motion.

Motion carried

6 – 0.

Commissioner Carney motions to remove P – 7 from the table. Commissioner Kennedy seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

P – 7 Captain Gerald Morgan of The Salvation Army, 619 Purchase Street, requests a **NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER SIGN** installed on the west side of Purchase Street, at a point 45 ft north of the northwest corner of Walnut and Purchase Streets ending at a point 65 ft north of the northwest corner of Walnut and Purchase Streets. Also a **NO PARKING HERE TO DRIVEWAY SIGN** installed on the east side of Purchase Street, at point 120 ft south of the southeast corner of School and Purchase Streets ending at a point 140 ft south of the southeast corner of Purchase and School Streets.

Rep. for Salvation Army spoke in favor of this request. He states they have a problem exiting the driveway of the facility due to cars blocking the driveway. Captain Gerald Morgan also spoke in favor of this request. He states they are responsible for transporting patients to doctors' appointments out of town. Many times cars are blocking the entrance to the parking lot. They often have to call the police to have cars tickets. This still does not allow enough room to exit the lot. Extending the footage would help allow for more space for entering and exiting the parking lot. Commissioner Pimental motions to approve. Commissioner Carney seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

Commissioner Peixoto motions to take HP – 1 – 4, HP 6, 7, & 8 as one vote. Withdraw HP - 9 and severe HP – 5. Commissioner Pimental seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

L – 2 Mayor Frederick M. Kalisz, Jr., requesting the Traffic Commission approve no parking 6pm – 6am/tow zone on Acushnet Ave beginning at a point 15 ft south of the southeast corner of Davis St and Acushnet Ave, ending at a point 101 ft south of the southeast corner of Davis St.

Scott Downing spoke on behalf of this request. He states no parking already existing in this area. The tow zone needs to be added. Commissioner Pimental motions to approve. Commissioner Kennedy seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

L – 3 Scott Downing requests the Traffic Commission institute a **RULE** stating 65% of the residents signature are needed for one-way requests before the item can be placed on the Traffic Commission agenda.

Scott Downing spoke on behalf of this request. He states a percentage of the residents should sign in favor of making an area one-way before it can be placed on an agenda. Commissioner Pimental motions to approve. Commissioner Carney seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

L – 4 Scott Downing requests the Traffic Commission institute a **RULE** stating anyone requesting HP signs in front of their residence must have a prescribed device and a letter from their physician explaining said device before the item could be placed on the Traffic Commission agenda.

Scott Downing spoke on behalf of this request. He states there are a large number of requests are being made for HP signs. This is becoming a problem with more than one sign being placed on a street, not allowing for available parking for other residents. Commissioner Kennedy motions to approve. Commissioner Peixoto seconds motion. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Carney and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy. All voted in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

India Mendez

Secretary

Traffic Commission